

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES OF MEETING  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
KENNER, LOUISIANA  
April 26, 1983

Chairman James C. Farrelly, presiding:

Members present:

Mr. Wayne Ducote, Vice-Chairman  
Dr. Jack Cappel, Member  
Mr. Gary Chouest, Member  
Mr. Jesse Knowles, Member  
Mr. Charles Riggs, Member

Secretary Jesse J. Guidry was absent.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Farrelly, on Monday April 25, 1983, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously, that the Commission go into a committee of the whole.

Invocation was offered by Jesse M. Knowles.

A roll call of members present was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Jesse M. Knowles, and passed unanimously that the minutes of March 22, 1983 be approved.

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Motion was made by Mr. Gary Chouest, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously to open Zone II at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 23 and to defer action on Zones I and III, and on the opening of the white shrimp season in Calcasieu Lake until the May 16, 1983 meeting.

(The full text of the resolution is  
here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has reviewed the requests of the fishermen, industry and sportsmen, as well as the biological predictions and recommendations of the biologist of the Seafood Division, and

WHEREAS, the technical information indicated slow growth due to cool water temperature, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the brown shrimp season will open in Zone II on May 23, 1983 at 6:00 a.m. for a minimum of fifty days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to extend and to close the brown shrimp season when there are significant numbers of small brown or white shrimp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department has engaged in developing extensive shell planting areas, making it necessary to exclude the 1983 shell plant areas ( Oyster propagating place) for the brown and white shrimp season, namely in Black Bay area, Caillou (Sister Lake) and an oyster relaying area in Calcasieu Lake which will be properly makred.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that action on Zones I and III will be deferred until the May 16, 1983 Commission meeting.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Jesse Knowles	-	Yes
Charles Riggs	-	Yes
Wayne Ducote	-	Yes
Jack Cappel	-	Yes
Gary Chouest	-	Yes

The following recommendations were made by the Seafood Division:

1. The 1983 Brown Shrimp season open at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 23, in Zone II.
2. That Zone I be defined as the area from the Louisiana - Mississippi state line to South Pass of the the Mississippi River; Zone II be defined as the area from South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island; and Zone III be defined as the area from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass to the Louisiana - Texas state line.

3. The Secretary be authorized to provide for (a) partial closures to protect small white shrimp and utilize larger size brown shrimp and/or (b) special openings or extensions to harvest brown shrimp without jeopardizing the white shrimp crop.
4. The Secretary be authorized to close the season in any or all parts of the inside waters when there are significant numbers of small brown or white shrimp.
5. Exclude 1983 shell plant areas (oyster propagating place) areas for brown and white shrimp season, namely in Black Bay area, Caillou (Sister Lake) and an oyster rearing area in Clacasiou Lake which will be properly marked.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously requesting Don Puckett, Staff Attorney, to prepare a resolution to be presented to the Louisiana Legislature, to suspend that portion of the law which states that the shrimp season shall commence no later than May 25.

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Mr. Farrelly requested Mr. Gary Chouest's committee to study the feasibility of increasing royalty rates on shell dredging permits.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. Gary Chouest, and passed unanimously to approve the request for a renewal of permit by H & H Contracting Co., Inc. to remove sand fill from the Red River, left descending bank, central to a point about 278.2 miles above the mouth of the waterway, at Bossier City, Louisiana, in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution  
is here made part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to H & H Contracting Co., Inc. to remove sand fill from the Red River, left descending bank, central to a point about 278.2 miles above the mouth of the waterway, at Bossier City, Louisiana in Bossier Parish, for a period of one year from April 29, 1983 to April 29, 1984 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. Gary Chouest, and passed unanimously to approve the request for a renewal of permit by T. L. James & Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, mile 124.5 in the vicinity of Hahnville, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution  
is here made part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James and Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, Mile 124.5 in the vicinity of Hahnville, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from April 29, 1983 to April 29, 1984 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. Gary Chouest, and passed unanimously to approve the request for a renewal of permit by L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, at Mile 98.9 and Mile 88.5 AHP, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution  
is here made part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, Mile 87.9 to Mile 88.5 AHP, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from April 29, 1983 to April 29, 1984 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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If the Oyster & Shrimp Sub-Committee recommends an increase in royalty rates on dredging permits, the increase would become effective on the above mentioned permits when the Commission approved the new rates. Also, any future request for renewals made to the Commission prior to the increase would be subject to the new rates.

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Mr. Wayne Ducote requested that Dr. Ford review the present agreements, to remove fill material; to determine what the provisions are for increasing royalty rates.

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Mr. James Farrelly requested that the proposed shell dredging regulations for Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas be referred to Mr. Chouest's Oyster & Shrimp Sub-Committee for review and recommendation to the Commission.

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Mr. James Farrelly requested that the proposed rules for the Oyster Surveying Section be referred to Mr. Chouest's committee for review and recommendation.

Mr. Farrelly requested Mr. Chouest to give a status report at the May 16 meeting on shell dredging regulations for Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas and on the proposed rules for the Oyster Surveying Section.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Dr. Jack Cappel, and passed unanimously to prohibit the use of netting in Nantachie Lake.

(The full text of the resolution  
is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, Nantachie Lake is a relatively small impoundment (1500 acres) utilized primarily by recreational fishermen who seek largemouth bass, crappie and blugill, and

WHEREAS, the commercial fish population in the lake is extremely low and presently cannot and does not support a commercial fisheries, and

WHEREAS, past studies have demonstrated detrimental effects that can occur on game fish populations with the use of commercial fish netting in small impoundments such as Nantachie Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury and the Nantachie Lake Commission have requested the removal of netting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of netting in Nantachie Lake, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously to approve the agreement between the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and the Department of Transportation and Development.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, at the request of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works has made a preliminary survey and an estimate of the cost of constructing a deep water well complete with a deep well turbine pump at the Huey P. Long Hatchery at Lacombe in St. Tammany Parish, as shown on said Office of Public Works' Drawing File No. WW-125-L: and

WHEREAS, all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof have been obtained by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the titles hereto are valid and indefeasible; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has sufficient funds available with which to finance the project, but desires and need the services of the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works to prepare the plans, specifications and drawings, take care of advertising and bidding requirements, prepare contract documents, supervise construction of the project, and review and approve pay estimates, as submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in (regular or special) session assembled on this 26th day of April, 1983, that the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works be and hereby is requested to prepare the necessary plans, specifications and drawings, advertise for competitive bids for the award of a contract by the

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries concerning the aforementioned project, furnish the engineering supervision during the progress of the work, and review and approve pay estimates, as submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED that said Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works, be and hereby is assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been obtained by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries expressly agrees to defend any action for the failure of any servitude, right-of-way or right of ingress or egress, and further that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the deep water well and appurtenances after construction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for all fence relocation, spoil spreading, culvert and utility alterations made necessary by the project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby save and hold the said Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works, its officer, agents and employees harmless from any and all liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties, and including but not limited to, liability or claim for damages arising out of the negligence of said Department, its officers, agents and employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the Department and pay any judgment which may result from said suit as it relates to this project.

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Harry Schafer gave the monthly survey report as follows:

51 leases were surveyed, unable to survey 17 due to bad weather conditions. Office activity consisted of: \$11,696.97 rental collected for 1983. Six-hundred twenty-five dollars collected for applications, 87 leases issued, 47 tonnage licenses sold and 34 dredging licenses sold.

Ray Montet presented the monthly enforcement case report. The report indicated that 1,858 cases were/<sup>made</sup>during the month, which showed a decrease of 21% in comparison to the same time period last year.

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Texas is considering removal of nets in Caddo Lake. The Commission will consider net removal after Texas makes a decision.

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Motion was made by Dr. Jack Cappel, seconded by Mr. Gary Chouest, and passed unanimously to approve the hunting season recommendations for 1983-84.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has received from the public numerous letters and resolutions making recommendations for the 1983-84 Hunting Seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Department personnel have met with various wildlife clubs, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, Civic groups and others to receive recommendations for the seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission conducted three Public Hearings, in Bossier City, Lafayette and Kenner for the purpose of the public making recommendations for the hunting seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Game Division staff met pertaining to putting together the various recommendations from the public and field data and observation from field personnel, and

WHEREAS, after combining this data the Game Division and Enforcement Division met with the Commission Hunting Season Regulations Committee and Wildlife Management Areas Committee to review the proposed 1983-84 Hunting Seasons recommendations, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendations as presented to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on this date April 26, 1983, at a public meeting held in the Airport Hilton, Kenner, Louisiana be adopted as proposals for the 1983-84 Louisiana Resident Game Hunting Seasons.

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The dates for the July Board Meeting are 25th and 26th, in New Orleans.

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